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East Germany

COUNTRY REPORT

TOPIC Security Measures Taken by the VP in Berlin

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REMARKS

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1. At 7 a.m. on 27 February 1954, the normal round of duty went again into effect for all VP agencies in East Berlin. All VP details temporarily transferred to Berlin for special employment returned to their units. 1
2. New security measures were laid DUNCODED were given the code word "Ringbahnstrasse." On the whole, the same alert status as maintained during the Four-Power Conference continued. Weapons remained stored at police stations. The 30 armored scout cars were also kept in readiness. Inspektion Lichtenberg was ordered to cordon off the Klingenberg power station and the industrial enterprises on Herzbergerstrasse when the code word for the alert would be given. 2
3. Each of the four Bereitschaften of the VPP Berlin, which were also referred to as "Sonderabteilungen" had a strength of about 750 men, their authorized strength being 1,000 men. These Bereitschaften consisted of three Abteilungen each with two companies to each Abteilung, and five platoons to each company. All four Bereitschaften were motorized and armed with submachine guns and machine guns. The 1st Bereitschaft was located on Grosse Rampe, Pankow; the 2nd Bereitschaft on Hauptstrasse in Rummelsburg; the 3rd Bereitschaft at Koepenick; and the 4th Bereitschaft on Geschwister-Scholl-Strasse in Berlin. VP-Oberrat Hering was chief of the 1st Bereitschaft, VP-Oberrat Gornissen chief of the 2nd Bereitschaft. 3

1. Comment. Security forces in Berlin had been reinforced by VP and KVP units during the Four-Power Conference in the city. 25X1

2. Comment. Prior to the beginning of the Berlin conference, the armored scout cars mentioned were made available to the VP police headquarters in Berlin. In the event of an alert, a special Einsatzstab will go into operation. 25X1

3. Comment. These four Bereitschaften are mainly assigned security missions along the zonal boundaries in Berlin. 25X1

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